GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Sri J.Ravi Kumar, JDA,Chittoor and others – Initiation of departmental Common enquiry u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule- 24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (VIG I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 331 **Dated: 12-06-2017**
Read the following:-

1. From the C&DA,AP, Hyderabad,Lr.No.Vig.I(2)90/2015, dated:12.8.2015.
2. From the C&DA, A.P.,Hyderabad,Lr. No.Vig.I(2)90/2015, dated:31.3.2017.
3. Memo.No.6720/Vig.I/2015,Dated: -06-2017.

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ORDER :-

1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then JDA,Chittoor in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule - 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation or misconduct of misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against him as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then JDA,Chittoor is directed to submit a written statement of defence within 15 days from date of the receipt of this G.O. and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then JDA,Chittoor is further informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then JDA,Chittoor is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri J.Ravi Kumar, JDA,Chittoor is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri J.Ravi Kumar, JDA,Chittoor is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule -24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHEIF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri J.Ravi Kumar, the then JDA,Chittoor (through the Director of Agriculture ,A.P, Guntur.)

Copy to:
The Director of Agriculture .A.P, Guntur (with a request to serve the order on the charged officer and return the served copy with dated ack.,)
SC/Sf.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

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Annexure- I

Statement of Article of Charge framed against Sri J. Ravi Kumar the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Chittoor under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules 1991

Article of Charge:

That the said Sri J. Ravi Kumar while functioning as Joint Director of Agriculture, Chittoor during the period from 4.1.2015 to 14.1.2015 was negligent in discharge of duties, committed supervisory and administrative lapses.

Annexure- II

Statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of the article of charge framed against Sri J. Ravi Kumar the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Chittoor

- An e-mail was received from IFFCO on 3.1.2015 at 6.44 p.m. (Saturday) regarding supply of 2639.70 Mts. Of Urea and 500 Mts. Of complexes, along with the list of dealers to whom the stocks are proposed to be supplied.
- Based on the e-mail the AO (QC) office of the JDA, Chittoor and the concerned Senior assistant of fertilizer section prepared the note along with the list of dealers after ascertaining the fertilizer requirements from MAOs and ADAs in the District.
- He received the said file on 6.1.2015 from AO (dealing with Quality Control subject) for taking District Collectors approval. Due to various programmes viz., the District Collector's conference on 7.1.2015 , visit of Singapore team to Tirupathi and Tirumala along with Hon'ble C.M. on 13.1.2015 the collector had not seen the files relating to IFFCO urea allotment and MPEOs recruitment.
- Despite all his efforts, he could not take the approval for IFFCO urea distribution from the District Collector.
- He stated that during enquiry he was not aware of the e-mail representation seeking permission for revised allotment of unlifted stock of 700 M.Tons as the concerned AO (QC) and fertilizer section assistant did not circulate the file/e-mail to him.

Thus he has not submitted the relevant file to the District Collector relating to distribution of fertilizers by IFFCO and behaved in an irresponsible way and proceeded on leave handing over the file to his successor with a request to obtain approval from the Collector.

As JDA in-charge of the district he has not seen the e-mail sent by IFFCO representative seeking permission for revised allotment of lifted stock of 700 M.Tons and he has allowed the concerned AO and fertilizer section of the office to handle the situation.

His plea that the AO did not circulate the file is not tenable. He should have had a close watch of the subject and reviewed the position minute and minute which he has failed to do.

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There was lack of supervision on the part of the JDA Chittoor (upto 14.1.2015) on functioning of his staff viz., DDA (PP) and AO looking after fertilizer subject. He failed to

get the District Collector's approval and did not record his efforts on the file for not obtaining the approval which would have served as an evidence.

As JDA in-charge of the office he has openly admitted that he was not aware of the e-mail received from IFFCO in his own office. Further, on 6.1.2015 a distribution statement was putup to him from the section for approval from the District Collector. He has stated that the collector was busy with other duties from 7.1.2015 to 13.1.2015 and hence, he could not obtain Collector's approval. He has simply handed over the file to his successor with a request to obtain approval and proceeded on leave.

Further, he has not insisted the office staff (either Senior Assistant or Superintendent) to enter the file to be submitted to the Collector's approval.(fertilizer distribution statement) in the register maintained for the purpose (File movement register). This is a administrative lapse as nobody could watch the movement of the file due to non maintenance of movement register. Meanwhile, the process of distribution of fertilizers was commenced without the knowledge of anybody i.e. JDA or Collector.

Thus this clearly shows that the lapses of Sri J. Ravi Kumar on following imputing points

1) Negligent in discharge of duties
2) Supervisory lapse
3) Administrative lapse

ANNEXURE III

List of documents by which the Article of Charges framed against Sri J. Ravi Kumar the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Chittoor are proposed to be sustained.

1.Eenadu daily news paper cutting dt 11.3.2015
2.Preliminary Enquiry Report copy of the Additional Joint Collector, Chittoor
3.Preliminary Enquiry Report of the District Collector, Chittoor sent to the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture through reference No A/C/2015 dt 17.3.2015
4. Copy of the Joint Enquiry Report of Sri G. Vinay Chand, Addnl., Director of Agriculture, Sri K.Jayadev, ADA (Fertl.,) O/o C&DA and Sri M.Gopal ADA O/o C&DA
5.List of dealers from whom the stocks are proposed to supply received through e-mail on 3.1.2015.

ANNEXURE IV

List of witness by which the Article of Charges framed against Sri J. Ravi Kumar the then Joint Director of Agriculture, Chittoor are proposed to be sustained.

As per the reports of the officers noted in Annexure III

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